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### **CIVIL LIABILITY IMMUNITY BILL PASSES HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

TALLAHASSEE- The Florida House of Representatives Judiciary Committee today passed House Bill (HB) 321 to provide immunity from civil liability for those rendering emergency care. The bill, sponsored by Representative Hugh Gibson (R- Lady Lake), next goes before the House Committee on Health Care.

“This is common sense legislation that I am proud to have sponsored,” said Representative Gibson. “Those providing emergency care in good faith should not have to hesitate for fear of reprisal.”

HB 321 provides that volunteers rendering emergency care to a person or animal are not liable unless acting maliciously. It also offers absolute immunity for death or injury resulting from the performance of duties by an emergency management volunteer. In addition, immunity is given to additional emergency care providers withholding or withdrawing resuscitation from a patient and provides that immunity is not dependent on the person's acting under the direction of a medical director.

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